

A mugwump is simply a voter who bolts his party's candidate and clings to his party's principles.

Boston Cockey has frequently been described as a sacred spot. But sacred to what? Not to Christians, because the gospel is not permitted to be preached there. Perhaps, then, mugwumps. Who knows?

It is whispered around Washington that Mr. Montgomery, the new assistant attorney-general of the interior department, is to have his commission revoked because he wrote an anti-school pamphlet. There is a good deal of bosh whispered around Washington.

Wm. H. Miller of Shelbyville was recently tried in the U. S. court, at St. Louis under charge of sending obscene literature through the mail, found guilty and fined \$100 and costs. It seems that Miller had printed a number of cards containing vulgar expressions, headed "Catechisms" and distributed, through the mails on Valentine day to respectable young ladies. The matter was reported to a detective who caused Miller's arrest and prosecution with results as stated. Served him right.

We regret to learn of the severe illness of Miss Sadie Adams of near Bell school house, and are pleased to hear that she is improving.

L. D. STEUCKEMANN, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Chas. Riemann of this city for about a month, left for his home in Macedonia Ill., on Wednesday morning.

E. M. WHEELER, our good looking bachelor grocery merchant, a few months since was heard lamenting his sad fate to a nice young lady, telling her that he had nothing to love save a pet kitten that had chanced to take up quarters in his store. The young lady, sensible as she is, assured him it need not be thus with him that there was an aching void somewhere which the bestowment of his love would fill. Shortly afterward the kitten died. Now Eli is happy in the realization of the fact that he has found a more worthy and lovable object upon which to bestow his affections and which he knows is capable of loving back. We have not heard as yet of the cards being sent out.

The most enjoyable affair of the season was the "Old Folks' fish fry," given by the Keytesville Fishing Club, at Finner's Lake last Thursday. The day was all that could be desired, the attendance, though not large was about as good as could be expected, considering the busy season. Everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion. The fishes caught and dressed the previous day, were plentiful, and were cooked in the most approved style of the art, culinary. Fish and coffee were the only articles prepared on the ground. The good housewives in town and country had numerous baskets filled with all that's nice, and of such abundance as to greatly exceed the demand in supplying the wants of the inner man. Everybody seemed to be blessed with a good appetite which was indulged to the utmost capacity, after which it was found that more than seven basketfuls remained. Although it was called the "old folks' fish fry" there was a good showing of young folks present, all of whom had a good time. From appearances we concluded that one of our gallant young men was endeavoring to get a first-class "case." Success to you Bob, remember A faint heart never wins a fair lady. The trouble and labor in preparing for a successful fish-fry, even generally devolve upon a few individuals in part no doubt because, the few know how, and are willing to take the lead. It is best, perhaps not to mention the names of any of the parties whose untiring efforts contributed largely to the success of the enterprise for fear we might make invidious distinctions. Suffice to say that every one seemed determined to do his duty, in affording the wives and the little ones, also, the sweethearts, a day of splendid enjoyment. Some of our gallant gentlemen assisted by such ladies as were unwilling to trust their dishes and delicacies wholly to unskilled labor, made a distribution of the contents of the well filled baskets all over the table so that every one should have an equal chance. The fish and coffee were served smoking hot from the frying pan and boiler. When dinner was announced, eating began vigorously and was continued indefinitely. It is known that Keytesville has some famous eaters, though one gentleman from the country said he could hold the best of them level when it comes to fried fish. Those all succeeded in showing what they were there for, and were evidently well satisfied with results. The crowd began to disperse about 4 o'clock P. M. thus ended a day that will be remembered in the "sweet by and by" as one of the most enjoyable in the course of mortals here below. The behavior was unexceptionable except that we heard some complaint of a loss of several dozen lemons furnished by the club intended to be used in making delicious fruit-ladies, and the same were carried away by some of the ladies.

We are glad to learn that A. D. Hurt of the Forks, is now thought by his physicians to be entirely out of danger, and is slowly recovering from his serious illness.

Our young and fair friend, Ed Gaines of Brunswick, who was the successful competitor in the recent examination in Brunswick for the naval cadetship at Annapolis, has reached that place, and passed the requisite examination at that point, and entered upon the field of his duties. We heartily congratulate Ed on his success and trust that his career in the navy may be guided by the brilliant star of onward and upward and that Chariton county may have ample reason to be justly proud of him as one of her offspring. Of course he wants to keep posted in home happenings and has ordered the Courier sent to him.

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BY A. W. JOHNSON.

Mr. Johnson is authorized to receive and receipt for Subscriptions, and any Advertisements handed to him will receive our prompt attention.

At the memorial services held at the C. P. Church Sunday evening Rev. J. M. Gaiser delivered a splendid address. He spoke in feeling terms of the living and dead heroes on both sides and closed by a prayer for universal peace. The church was decorated with flowers and appropriate mottoes covered the walls. The crowd was immense, standing room being at a premium.

A temperance cantata was rendered at the Opera House Tuesday night by a home troupe, the proceeds being donated to the promotion of the cause of temperance.

James G. Gallimore, the junior of the Press-Spectator, returned from a visit to Howard county on Tuesday.

Salisbury can now boast of four of the spryest widowers in Northeast Missouri. Were it not for the fact that we have a surplus of good looking widows now on hand we would give the s. w. a more extended notice, but under present circumstances do not think it necessary.

About half-past ten o'clock on Tuesday evening the hardware store of C. W. Aldridge, located immediately in the rear of Myer & Bro.'s brick block, on Second street, was discovered to be fire, and in a short time was entirely consumed, together with its contents. The brick block was saved in a damaged condition, by heroic efforts of the citizens, who with axes and water met the fire at every point and subdued it after a stubborn contest. At one time the roof of the livery stable of Baker & Gunn Bros. was in a blaze, but a bucket brigade was hastily improvised and the building saved. The brick building of J. B. Ellington suffered, seemingly, most from the ravages of the flames; the windows and casings of the end being burned out, and a desk containing the papers and records of the city being destroyed. The mayor's docket was saved, having been at the residence of the mayor at the time of the fire. The stocks of N. E. Burrus, Mesdames Clotworthy & Via, J. A. Tinsman, W. S. Coleman and D. C. Hilton were more or less damaged by removal. Of course, at this writing, no accurate estimate of the damage can be given, but it will probably approximate \$7,000, mostly covered by insurance. The damages are about as follows: C. W. Aldridge, hardware, loss probably \$4,000, insurance \$3,500; Myer & Bro., damage to building, considerable, to stock small, fully covered by insurance; J. B. Ellington, damage to building, covered by insurance; W. S. Coleman, stock damaged by removal, covered by insurance; Mesdames Clotworthy & Via, millinery stock damaged by removal, no insurance; G. F. Henderson, building damaged by removing goods therefrom, small loss covered by insurance; J. A. Tinsman, stock damaged by removal, no insurance; D. C. Hilton, postoffice damaged by removal, small loss, covered by insurance. There are perhaps other trifling losses not yet reported. The building formerly occupied by C. J. Via, now the property of the Bank of Salisbury, was damaged to some extent, loss fully covered by insurance. The insurance was well distributed among the various companies and will not fall heavily on any except those carrying the Herndon building, in which Aldridge's hardware store was kept. This building is a total loss and was insured for \$400. The fire was first discovered in the rear part of the main building and must have been the work of an incendiary, as no fire was left about the building when closed up for the night. We are not advised as to what Mr. Aldridge will do, but presume he will not resume business at present. The fire limit ordinance will prevent another frame building on the old site and it will not in our judgment be rebuilt. The other parties will continue as usual. The fire limit seems to have a spite at our little city, and one by one our frame buildings fall a prey to its ravages.

Ladies Given

Robert Lambert's family have malaria fever.

In this locality there will be a small acreage of tobacco planted this year, caused by a scarcity of plants.

There is general complaint among the farmers of a poor stand of the early planted corn, attributed by some to unfavorable weather, by others to defective seed.

We learn through a letter from New Cambria that Miss Dillie, a beautiful daughter of Judge Lee Lingo, is very low with consumption, with but little hopes of recovery.

We know her to be a dutiful child, and a Christian lady, whose impress for good will be long remembered. We extend our sympathy to her in her suffering, and to the sorrow-stricken family and friends.

Most of our farmers are through planting corn. There is an extensive acreage already planted.

Owing to the failure of wheat many are turning their attention to raising grass for stock.

What has become of "Luna C"? is a question often asked by readers of the Courier. Can it be that she has forsaken us? We trust she may again find it convenient to drive her pencil in the interests of the Courier as well as to interest its readers with her literary productions.

There is much complaint among the housewives about the loss of chickens with cholera. Unless a remedy is found very soon the preachers will not fare so sumptuously this year on fried chicken.

A number of traveling salesmen continue to visit the Grove, thereby showing its importance to their business.

F. M. Bash has disposed of his stock of drugs at Guthridge Mills, and talks of locating in the Far West. It is said "the green pastures are just over the hill." We shall be sorry to lose Mr. Bash.

Mr. Eastwood, near the Grove, is digging a new well.

AUNT SALLY.

Dallas, Texas.

May 20, 1885.

EDS. COURIER:—I will write you a few lines in regard to crops in this country. Corn looks well and is nearly all laid by. Wheat is good, and there is lots of it. Oats also is splendid. There is a good prospect for cotton, but that crop would be the better of a little dry weather for a while.

The gardens are full of all kinds of vegetables, upon which we have been feasting for weeks past. Grass is very abundant for the stock, and last, but not least, there is a heavy crop of luscious peaches, some of which will be ripe in two weeks.

In short there is a good prospect for a bountiful crop of every thing raised in this country. The estimated yield of wheat is from 18 to 30 bushels per acre; oats from 50 to 100 bushels, and barley from 40 to 50 bushels.

At present we can do but little except watch it rain, as we were accustomed to do during an old fashioned rainy spell in Missouri.

If you deem this worth publishing I will write again.

DRIVE ON JOHN.

Atlanta City, New Jersey.

May 21, 1885.

EDS. COURIER:—Please find enclosed \$1, renewing my subscription to the Courier for another year.

I read your useful paper with greater interest from the fact that I have made an investment in your county for my son—the Capt. Allen place—not far from your town.

I am pleased to notice what you say about the condition of your roads. Men of means will not invest money where they will be compelled to be shut in by such fearfully bad roads for a large portion of the year. It is a serious objection to men of enterprise locating in your section of the state.

I regard Missouri as one of the best states of this union, when climate, location and fertility of soil is considered.

With good roads immigration to Missouri would be improved and more energetic men induced to locate among you. You can hardly do better work than to awaken the people on this subject in these "tipping times of peace" and well-disposed administration of the government.

C. DORRANCE.

The above letter was not sent us for publication, but in view of the important suggestions made and to show what other people think of our roads, we take the responsibility of publishing it. Mr. Dorrance is a gentleman of general intelligence, one who does not go through the world with his eyes shut. He takes in the situation at a glance, and being interested with us to the amount of \$28,000, the sum paid for the "Capt. Allen farm." He feels that he has the right to speak, and we are glad he does so. If we had ten men in this part of Missouri of his enterprise and push, where we have but one, this county, with its many natural advantages, of which he speaks, would soon be made one of the most desirable on the continent. Before this county was fenced it was a comparatively easy matter to have good roads. Then the highways ran upon the most suitable ground. But "fencing on the line" has thrown the roads over hills and ravines, consequently require more work and expense to keep in repair. We ought to do better than we are doing, for roads ought to be greatly improved during this year, and can

that purpose.

While on this subject, we would again urge action on the part of our citizens in reference to throwing up the bottom road west of town. We believe that a meeting of the citizens of the town and country, who are so vitally interested in this matter should be called at an early day.

The road south of town and to the depot is an enterprise that claims our attention also. Mr. Hill tells us that while in St. Louis not long since he had a talk with an engineer and machinist who told him that exclusive of the grading, which is a very small item, a railroad can be built from Keytesville to the depot, furnished with a passenger coach and a dummy engine of sufficient capacity to draw two loaded freight cars for the sum of \$6,500. This sum ought to be raised at once. We have no doubt that if the road were now completed it could be leased to one who would operate it and pay the stockholders a handsome percent on their investment. In talking with Mr. D. N. Wheeler he told us that the necessary expense incurred in keeping up his back line to the depot, besides capital invested, wear and tare of the vehicles and teams, amounted to over \$1,000 per year. From this it is plain to be seen that if a railroad were built over the route he could lease it, paying a sufficient sum therefor to make good returns to the stockholders.

West Plains, Howell County, Mo.

May 28, 1885.

EDS. COURIER:—Thinking it might be an item of interest to some of the many readers of your paper, I send you a brief account of my observations thus far in Southwest Missouri.

I reached Springfield, Mo., Monday evening, the 18th inst., by way of the Kansas City, Springfield and Memphis Railroad. There I stopped off for the purpose of visiting the offices of the various real estate dealers, as well as the government land office located at that place. After gaining much information concerning land matters in Southern Missouri, I left for this place, which is a distance of 112 miles south and east of Springfield, on the line of the Springfield and Memphis Railroad, and 314 miles south of Kansas City, by that railroad.

While at Springfield I had the pleasure of meeting several old acquaintances from Chariton county, among them young Bosworth, formerly of Brunswick; Bob Minor and Mr. Burton, formerly of Salisbury, and Mr. Morgan, recently from near Keytesville. All looking well and apparently doing well—dashing along with an air of new life, cheerful and hopeful. Of course the attention and courtesy shown me by them during my stay there made me feel quite at home. I also met a young man from Chariton whose face was quite familiar, but whose name I could not call, though I believe it is Righter. He was making preparations to canvass the county in the interest of some fruit tree establishment. He told me he was looking for young L. Herring, of Keytesville, to join him in a few days.

Springfield is a very pleasant and rapidly growing city, and a railroad center of no small importance. A constant tide of immigration is pouring in there from all parts of the United States, and from thence scatters throughout Southwest Missouri.

Already the price of real estate in and about Springfield has advanced to good strong figures, and continues to change hands steadily at increasing rates. There are a large number of men engaged in the real estate business, all of whom seem to be pushing the trade with great energy. They are constantly on watch for the new comer, ready and eager to sell him anything from the least fractional part of a lot up to a good farm.

I made the trip from Springfield to West Plains on a local freight train. I chose that mode of traveling purposely in order to make the entire trip in daylight, go slow and get a good look at the country as I passed along. I put in nearly the whole day on the trip, leaving Springfield about 7 o'clock a. m. and reaching West Plains about the same time in the evening. The weather was pleasant, the day clear and bright, and the breeze along the backbone ridge of the Ozark mountains, as they are called, was bracing, consequently I enjoyed the trip finely.

I had plenty of time to get off at most of the little towns along the road, talk with the folks and gain considerable information in regard to the country generally. At nearly every town the real estate agent is waiting at the depot for some man to get off the train looking for a trade. You have only to ask the price of land once, and you will get it all just as it can be told you, and they never stop until the signal, "All aboard!" is sounded, then they bid you a hasty good-by and beg you to come again. West Plains is the county seat of Howell county, is beautifully located in Howell valley, and said to be near the center of the county. It claims a population of 1,500 inhabitants and is growing very rapidly. Quite a number of new and very substantial buildings are now going up, and I am told a number of others are in contemplation. But I am stringing this article out too long, without saying anything about the matter in the acquaintance of one man from Illinois who has purchased some twenty three thousand acres. He is an old settler, and has a fine farm, and

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have been here, I have neither time nor space to do so. Suffice it to say that I have found lots of cheap lands here, ranging in price from \$1.25 to \$15 per acre. There is between seventy-five and one hundred thousand acres of government land here, now subject to cash entry at \$1.25 per acre, all of which is well adapted to stock ranches, and much of it good land for cultivation. I learned at Springfield, at the government office, that the government lands were being entered very rapidly in all the counties where any could be found. Since I came here I have made the acquaintance of one man from Illinois who has purchased some twenty three thousand acres. He is an old settler, and has a fine farm, and

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